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Application No.: 09/810,825

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For: BI-STABLE ELECTROSTATIC
COMB DRIVE WITH AUTOMATIC
BRAKING

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER
37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)

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Sir:

The references cited on the attached substitute form 1449A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each reference is enclosed, in addition to a copy of the International Search Report received in the international patent application for co-pending, co-assigned U.S. application serial number 09/517,913. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

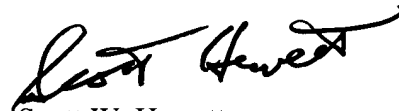
Reference number DE 3644802 is in the German language. Fig. 2 of this reference relates to a piezoelectric bimorph that uses a switching signal to switch and hold a switch state. Fig. 3 relates to a latching optical switch that switches optical fibers (1), (2) between permanent magnet pieces (10), (11) that hold and align the fibers in alternate switch states. Metal pieces (14), (15) on the movable portion (8) are attracted to and held by the permanent magnets.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this Statement, and no

representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

The Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this Statement because it is believed that it is being submitted before the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3). However, if a fee is required, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge necessary fee, or credit any overpayment, to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0891.

Respectfully Submitted

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